THE BEAR AND THE EAGLE Russia to Maintain a Fleet in New York Harbor.

NEW YORK, July 14.-It was learn ed from high Russian sources to-day that the Russian Government has decided to maintain a permanent fleet of war ships in United States waters, and that the port of New York will be made Russia's western naval center. Acting under instructions from St. Petersburg a board of Russian naval officers has been engaged last week in making careful inspection of the big Erie dry docks to ascertain the exact number of war ships the docks will accommodate It was further announced to day that the representatives of the Russian Government had made evertures to the Erie dry-docks establishment to undertake the care and overhauling of all the war ships maintained by Russia in American waters.

The announcement of Russia's in tention created a marked surprise among the American naval officers to night. One officer said in effect that just the number of vessels the Czar might choose to send. The opinion was ventured in naval circles was ventured in naval circles this evening that, in view of the likelihood of the Behring Sea case going against Great Britain, and the latter announcement that England is re-enforcing her naval force at Esquimalt, B. C., the proposed action of Russia is of great importance to the United States, and with the Russian fleet constantly in and about New York the ability of the powerful British fleet on the North American station to rally upon the exposed At-lantic ports of the United States would The Russian be greatly lessened. officers at present in New York are, almost to a unit, of the opinion that the big Russian war vessel, Admiral Nachimoff, is more than a match for the British flagship Blake.

HELD BY THE ENEMY.

Brazil's Rebel Admiral Becomes Prisoner.

NEW YORK, July 16 .- The Herald's correspondent at Valparaiso cables : Admiral Wandenkolk is a prisoner and is now on his way to Rio Janeiro, the Brazilian capital, under a heavy guard. What his fate will be when he reaches that city can be easily guessed. He was only recently formally declared to be a traitor, and now that he has fallen into the clutches of the Government, he will no doubt be executed without much ceremony.

A telegram from Yaguarot says that the cruiser Republica gave chase to the Jupiter outside the bar and came up with her at 6 o'clock this morning at the bar north of Santa Catharina. Admiral Wandenkolk tried to disembark, but was prevented. Shots were fired on the Jupiter, from which the white flag was soon hoisted. The captain of the Republica demanded the unconditional surrender of the Jupiter, her officers and her crew. Admiral Wandenkolk was forced to submit and the officers and crew of the ship, her revolutionary troops on board and twenty-seven sailors of the gunboat Comocin were made prisoners.

them for Rio Janeiro under a heavy guard. A Uruguayan gunboat has gone to look for the Italia, which was reported to have been captured, but really escaped. She is believed to be near Waldonado, on the Uruguayan coast. If she is captured her crew will be disarmed.

ALL PEACE IN SIAM.

The King and the French Exchange Friendly Promises.

BANGKOK (Siam), July 16. - This port is open to trade once more. All is quiet and the war cloud seems to have blown over. Admiral Humann, the Commander of the French naval forces in the China seas, who came here yesterday to negotiate a peaceful solution of the questions which have been agitating France and Siam, has given the Siamese authorities assurance that no attack upon this city is contemplated.

These assurances have been confirmed by cable dispatches received from Paris. On the other hand the Siamese Government has agreed to make no discrimination against the ships of the French, promising to treat them like the ships of the other great

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